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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Off-Agenda Report Back Regarding Health Screenings for Children

This report addresses general responses to the following referral:

Supervisor Yeager requested that Administration report to the Board on date uncertain relating to post-screening dental and hearing care for children, including service gaps and proposals for consideration.

To date, Healthier Kids Foundation (HKF) has been awarded funds through an annual budget inventory item to provide these services. Through community outreach, prevention, and education HKF identifies uninsured children and assists with enrollment into subsidized health coverage. They provide dental, vision and other health screenings as well as follow up to the parents of the children whose screenings results indicate a need for medical attention. They also provide parenting classes assisting parents and caregivers with implementing health lifestyles in their homes.

However, a service gap that has been identified is hearing screening, and post-screening care. With that in mind, in early December, SCVHHS released an RFP seeking proposals to provide dental, vision, hearing screenings, parenting classes, and insurance referral services to parents and children in Santa Clara County in conjunction with the County's efforts to ensure children receive access to health care coverage and routine and preventative health care. Offerors may apply for one or more services that are being requested.

SCVHHS's goal is to develop a complete picture of a child's health and readiness to succeed in school, and do so in ways to eliminate duplication of services so that SCVHHS may better target its limited resources.

Through this RFP, SCVHHS looks to advance 1) the Board of Supervisors' long-standing commitment and support for universal coverage, access and screening of all children in Santa Clara County and 2) the goals outlined in the Children's Health Assessment volumes 1 and 2, as well as the objectives outlined in the Children's Heath Improvement Plan, specifically related to dental, vision and hearing screening and "case management".

Responses are due on January 23, 2019. An evaluation committee will review the responses and recommend one or more contract awards.

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